

Injury no worry to Wycombe

Cup rhythm

Sports Mail Special Report

WYCOMBE WANDS 3 : TILBURY 1

PLAYING with only ten men for much of the first half, after an early injury to right half Dave Worley, Wycombe Wanderers still held Tilbury to 1-1 and went on to score twice more in the second half in a fast and boisterous F.A. Cup game at High Wycombe.

Wycombe: Brown; Beck, Lewis; D. Worley, Fisher, Gale; L. Worley, Blair, James, Ashby, Hyde.

Tilbury: King; Marshall, Smith; Brennan, Shovlar, McCarthy; Simmonds, Russell, Evans, McBride, Adcock.

Referee: B. Homewood (Ruislip).

Speedy Tilbury forced two corners in the first few seconds and Brennan tested Brown with an accurate shot.

Then a brilliant solo effort by Len Worley gave Wycombe a chance, but Ashby, who had come in at inside left for Holmes, was slow to control the ball and the threat was cleared.

But Ashby went near a little later with a clever header from another fine centre from the busy Worley.

WORLEY HURT

Dave Worley, who was making his first senior appearance of the season, had to leave the

field after ten minutes with a severe gash on the forehead, after a collision with centre forward Evans.

With Len Worley switching to the left wing, Wycombe hit back strongly with ten men and James was unlucky to see one shot flash across the goal-line, with no-one there to punch it home.

Then Hyde, after good work by Ashby, smacked in an excellent shot which King did well to save.

Inspiring the Wycombe attack, Len Worley was first on the left wing and then on the right, and from one of his passes BLAIR put Wycombe ahead with a spectacular long range shot after 23 minutes.

Tilbury retaliated at top pace, and after half an hour right-

half BRENNAN equalised with a crisp ground shot.

Dave Worley resumed shortly before half-time, and Wycombe again stepped up the pace in an effort to regain the lead.

Half-time: Wycombe Wands. 1, Tilbury 1.

Tilbury had a lucky escape early in the second half. Right back Marshall stopped the ball on the goal-line when James bundled his way through.

SPARKLING GOAL

Ten minutes after the interval, however, as Wycombe kept up a series of strong attacks, LEN WORLEY restored the lead with an electrifying goal after another sparkling right-wing run.

The home goal came under pressure subsequently, but Tilbury's marksmanship was erratic and McBride missed an easy chance by lofting the ball over the bar.

When the Tilbury goalkeeper fouled Ashby, after saving a powerful shot by James, Wycombe were awarded a penalty and BECK scored from the spot in the 65th minute.

Tilbury's 17-year-old centre forward, Evans, blotted out by Fisher, moved on to the left wing, but the visitors, although they mounted some strong attacks could not pierce Wycombe's strong defence.

RESULT:

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